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SUBJECT: FORD-KREISKY MEETING IN SALZBURG: ISSUES - SALT, US-USSR  
RELATIONS

FOR EUR/CE - BRUCE FLATIN

1. CHANCELLOR KREISKY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE INTERESTED IN THE  
VIEWS OF PRESIDENT FORD ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SALT  
TALKS AND IN US-USSR RELATIONS. EMBASSY ASSUMES PAPERS ON  
THESE SUBJECTS WILL BE PREPARED IN DEPARTMENT BUT WISHES  
TO NOTE THAT, WHILE KREISKY AND GOA STILL FIRMLY ON RECORD  
IN SUPPORT OF ALL MOVES TOWARD GENUINE DETENTE, AUSTRIAN  
ATTITUDE HAS BECOME MORE CAUTIOUS IN WAKE OF RECENT DEVELOP-  
MENTS IN VIETNAM, MIDDLE EAST, AND SOUTHERN EUROPE, AND THE  
EVIDENT WEARINESS OF THE WEST IN MAINTAINING ITS DEFENSE  
BURDENS. ONE RESULT WAS REMARKABLY EXPLICIT STATEMENT BY  
KREISKY IN NEW YORK IN APRIL TO THE EFFECT THAT CONTINUED  
PRESENCE OF US TROOPS IN EUROPE WAS ESSENTIAL TO POWER BALANCE  
UPON WHICH SECURITY IN EUROPE AND AUSTRIAN WELL-  
BEING DEPENDED. KREISKY MIGHT THEREFORE WELCOME  
REASSURANCE FROM THE PRESIDENT CONCERNING INTENTION  
AND ABILITY OF US TO PERSEVERE IN ITS ESSENTIAL  
SECURITY ROLE IN EUROPE. BUCHANAN

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